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To: F. P. Keen, In Charge, Berkeley Laboratory

From: R. L. Furniss, Acting in Charge, Portland Laboratory

Subject: Criocephalus

I have read the copy of your letter of June 19 to Mr. Albert Elkington regarding the habits of Criocephalus in buildings. It seems to me that you have clearly and accurately presented the facts, insofar as they are known. But as you say, there is considerable that is not known, especially about what the insect will do under abnormal circumstances. It would require a good deal of experimentation to work out all its potentialities - an interesting but otherwise questionably worthwhile undertaking.

Never in my experience have I seen or heard tell of Criocephalus larvae emerging from wood in houses, let alone boring through plaster board and hardwood floors. It seems like a remarkable phenomenon, the circumstances of which are well worth investigating and perhaps reporting upon.